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Case 7670

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of

D.N. Rubingh et al.

Serial No. 09/618,235

Confirmation No. 8554

Filed July 18, 2000

For PROTEASE CONJUGATES HAVING  
STERICALLY PROTECTED EPITOPE REGIONS:

Group Art Unit 1652

Examiner W.W. Moore

**RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner of Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the September 9, 2002 Office Action in the above-entitled application. Please consider the following remarks.

**In the Claims**

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. A protease conjugate comprising a protease moiety and one or more addition moieties wherein the protease moiety comprises a first epitope region, a second epitope region, and a third epitope region, wherein each addition moiety is

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 RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Case Docket No. 7670

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a RESPONSE/AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): D. N. Rubingh et al. Confirmation No. 8554

Serial No.: 09/618,235 Group Art Unit: 1652

Date Filed: 7/18/2000 Examiner: W. W. Moore

Title: Protease Conjugates Having Sterically Protected Epitope Regions

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